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Ms. Hannah Vaughan Texas Historical Commission PO Box 12276 Austin, TX 78711-2276

Dear Ms. Vaughan:

The National Cemetery Administration (NCA) plans to acquire a 32-acre parcel of land adjacent to the southern boundary of the existing Houston National Cemetery. This land has been offered by a private donor and will be selectively cleared and maintained as a wooded buffer between the cemetery and residential development to the south. There are no structures on the property.

I have enclosed a topographic map of the site for your assessment of impacts on historic and cultural resources. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 565-4048 or via email at tracy.clarke@mail.va.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tracy O. Clarke

Environmental Protection Specialist

NCA - Office of Construction Management

for F. Lawerence Oaks

State Historic Preservation Officer